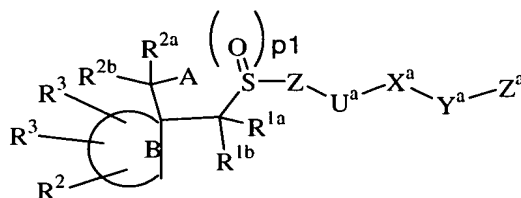


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound of formula I:



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5 or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt form thereof, wherein;

A is selected from  $-\text{COR}^5$ ,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^6$ ,  $-\text{CONHOH}$ ,  
 $-\text{CONHOR}^5$ ,  $-\text{CONHOR}^6$ ,  $-\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{CHO}$ ,  $-\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{COR}^5$ ,  $-\text{SH}$ ,  
 10  $-\text{CH}_2\text{SH}$ ,  $-\text{SONHR}^a$ ,  $-\text{SN}_2\text{H}_2\text{R}^a$ ,  $-\text{PO}(\text{OH})_2$ , and  $-\text{PO}(\text{OH})\text{NHR}^a$ ;

ring B is a 3-10 membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring  
 consisting of: carbon atoms, 0-1 carbonyl groups, 0-1  
 double bonds, and from 0-2 ring heteroatoms selected  
 15 from O, N,  $\text{NR}^2$ , and  $\text{S}(\text{O})_p$ , provided that ring B  
 contains other than a S-S, O-O, or S-O bond and  
 provided that N- $\text{R}^2$  forms other than an N-O, N-N, or N-  
 S bond;

20 Z is absent or selected from a  $\text{C}_{3-13}$  carbocyclic residue  
 substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^b$  and a 5-14 membered  
 heterocycle consisting of: carbon atoms and 1-4  
 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N,  
 O, and  $\text{S}(\text{O})_p$  and substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^b$ ;

25  $\text{U}^a$  is absent or is selected from: O,  $\text{NR}^{a1}$ ,  $\text{C}(\text{O})$ ,  $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}$ ,  
 $\text{OC}(\text{O})$ ,  $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{a1}$ ,  $\text{NR}^{a1}\text{C}(\text{O})$ ,  $\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{O}$ ,  $\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{a1}$ ,  
 $\text{NR}^{a1}\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NR}^{a1}\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{a1}$ ,  $\text{S}(\text{O})_p$ ,  $\text{S}(\text{O})_p\text{NR}^{a1}$ ,  $\text{NR}^{a1}\text{S}(\text{O})_p$ ,  
 and  $\text{NR}^{a1}\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{a1}$ ;

X<sup>a</sup> is absent or selected from C<sub>1-10</sub> alkylene, C<sub>2-10</sub> alkenylene, and C<sub>2-10</sub> alkynylene;

5 Y<sup>a</sup> is absent or selected from O, NR<sup>a1</sup>, S(O)<sub>p</sub>, and C(O);

10 Z<sup>a</sup> is selected from a C<sub>3-13</sub> carbocyclic residue substituted with 0-5 R<sup>c</sup> and a 5-14 membered heterocycle consisting of: carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S(O)<sub>p</sub> and substituted with 0-5 R<sup>c</sup>;

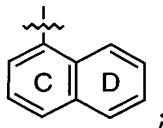
15 provided that Z, U<sup>a</sup>, Y<sup>a</sup>, and Z<sup>a</sup> do not combine to form a N-N, N-O, O-N, O-O, S(O)<sub>p</sub>-O, O-S(O)<sub>p</sub> or S(O)<sub>p</sub>-S(O)<sub>p</sub> group;

R<sup>1a</sup> is selected from H, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, CH<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>3</sup>, and CH<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>;

20 R<sup>1b</sup> is selected from H, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, CH<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>3</sup>, and CH<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>;

25 alternatively, R<sup>1a</sup> and R<sup>1b</sup> combine to form a 3-6 membered ring consisting of: carbon atoms and 0-1 heteroatoms selected from O, S, S(O), S(O)<sub>2</sub>, and NR<sup>a</sup>;

provided that when R<sup>1a</sup> and R<sup>1b</sup> are hydrogen and ring B is a heterocycle, then Z<sup>a</sup> is the following:



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ring C is phenyl or pyridyl and is substituted with 0-2 R<sup>c</sup>;

ring D is selected from phenyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl,  
pyrimidyl, and pyrazinyl, and is substituted with 0-3  
5 R<sup>c</sup>;

R<sup>2</sup> is selected from Q, C<sub>1-10</sub> alkylene-Q substituted with 0-3  
R<sup>b1</sup>, C<sub>2-10</sub> alkenylene-Q substituted with 0-3 R<sup>b1</sup>, C<sub>2-10</sub>  
alkynylene-Q substituted with 0-3 R<sup>b1</sup>,

10 (CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>O(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r-Q</sub>, (CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r-Q</sub>,  
(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>C(O)(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r-Q</sub>, (CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>C(O)O(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r-Q</sub>,  
(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>OC(O)(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r-Q</sub>, (CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>,  
(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r-Q</sub>,  
(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>C(O)(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r-Q</sub>,  
15 (CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>OC(O)O(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r-Q</sub>,  
(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>OC(O)NR<sup>a</sup>(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r-Q</sub>,  
(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>C(O)O(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r-Q</sub>,  
(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r-Q</sub>,  
(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>S(O)<sub>p</sub>(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r-Q</sub>, (CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r-Q</sub>,  
20 (CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r-Q</sub>, and  
(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>(CR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>)<sub>r-Q</sub>; /

R<sup>2a</sup> is selected from H, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, CH<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>3</sup>,  
and CH<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>;

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R<sup>2b</sup> is selected from H, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, CH<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>3</sup>,  
and CH<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>RA<sup>1</sup>;

alternatively, R<sup>2a</sup> and R<sup>2b</sup> combine to form a 3-6 membered  
30 ring consisting of: carbon atoms and 0-1 heteroatoms  
selected from O, S, S(O), S(O)<sub>2</sub>, and NR<sup>a</sup>;

Q is selected from H, a C<sub>3-13</sub> carbocyclic residue substituted with 0-5 R<sup>d</sup> and a 5-14 membered heterocycle consisting of: carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S(O)<sub>p</sub> and substituted with 0-5 R<sup>d</sup>;

R<sup>3</sup>, at each occurrence, is selected from Q<sup>1</sup>, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylene-Q<sup>1</sup>, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenylene-Q<sup>1</sup>, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynylene-Q<sup>1</sup>, (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>1O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>r</sub>-Q<sup>1</sup>, (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>1NR<sup>a</sup>(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>-Q<sup>1</sup>, (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>1NR<sup>a</sup>C(O)(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>-Q<sup>1</sup>, (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>1C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>-Q<sup>1</sup>, (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>1C(O)(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>-Q<sup>1</sup>, (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>1C(O)O(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>-Q<sup>1</sup>, (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>2</sub>r1S(O)<sub>p</sub>(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>-Q<sup>1</sup>, and (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>1SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>-Q<sup>1</sup>;

alternatively, when two R<sup>3</sup>'s are attached to the same carbon atom, they combine to form a 3-8 membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring consisting of: carbon atoms and 0-3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S(O)<sub>p</sub> and substituted with 0-3 R<sup>d</sup>;

Q<sup>1</sup> is selected from H, phenyl substituted with 0-3 R<sup>d</sup>, naphthyl substituted with 0-3 R<sup>d</sup> and a 5-10 membered heteroaryl consisting of: carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S and substituted with 0-3 R<sup>d</sup>;

R<sup>a</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from H, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, phenyl and benzyl;

R<sup>a1</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from H and C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

alternatively, R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>a1</sup> when attached to a nitrogen are taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached to form a 5 or 6 membered ring comprising carbon atoms and from 0-1 additional heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S(O)<sub>p</sub>;

R<sup>a2</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, phenyl and benzyl;

R<sup>b</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, OR<sup>a</sup>, Cl, F, Br, I, =O, -CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, C(O)R<sup>a</sup>, C(O)OR<sup>a</sup>, C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, R<sup>a</sup>NC(O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, OC(O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, R<sup>a</sup>NC(O)O, S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, NR<sup>a</sup>S(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a2</sup>, NR<sup>a</sup>S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, OS(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, NR<sup>a</sup>S(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a2</sup>, S(O)<sub>p</sub>R<sup>a2</sup>, CF<sub>3</sub>, and CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>;

R<sup>b1</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from OR<sup>a</sup>, Cl, F, Br, I, =O, -CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, and NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>;

R<sup>c</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, OR<sup>a</sup>, Cl, F, Br, I, =O, -CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, C(O)R<sup>a</sup>, C(O)OR<sup>a</sup>, C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, R<sup>a</sup>NC(O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, OC(O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, R<sup>a</sup>NC(O)O, S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, NR<sup>a</sup>S(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a2</sup>, NR<sup>a</sup>S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, OS(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, NR<sup>a</sup>S(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a2</sup>, S(O)<sub>p</sub>R<sup>a2</sup>, CF<sub>3</sub>, CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>3-10</sub> carbocyclic residue and a 5-14 membered heterocycle consisting of: carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S(O)<sub>p</sub>;

R<sup>d</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, OR<sup>a</sup>, Cl, F, Br, I, =O, -CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, C(O)R<sup>a</sup>,

$C(O)OR^a$ ,  $C(O)NR^aR^{a1}$ ,  $R^aNC(O)NR^aR^{a1}$ ,  $OC(O)NR^aR^{a1}$ ,  
 $R^aNC(O)O$ ,  $S(O)_2NR^aR^{a1}$ ,  $NR^aS(O)_2R^{a2}$ ,  $NR^aS(O)_2NR^aR^{a1}$ ,  
 $OS(O)_2NR^aR^{a1}$ ,  $NR^aS(O)_2R^{a2}$ ,  $S(O)_pR^{a2}$ ,  $CF_3$ ,  $CF_2CF_3$ ,  $C_{3-10}$   
 carbocyclic residue and a 5-14 membered heterocycle  
 consisting of: carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms  
 selected from the group consisting of N, O, and  $S(O)_p$ ;

$R^5$ , at each occurrence, is selected from  $C_{1-10}$  alkyl  
 substituted with 0-2  $R^b$ , and  $C_{1-8}$  alkyl substituted  
 with 0-2  $R^e$ ;

$R^e$ , at each occurrence, is selected from phenyl substituted  
 with 0-2  $R^b$  and biphenyl substituted with 0-2  $R^b$ ;

$R^6$ , at each occurrence, is selected from phenyl, naphthyl,  
 $C_{1-10}$  alkyl-phenyl- $C_{1-6}$  alkyl-,  $C_{3-11}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_{1-6}$   
 alkylcarbonyloxy- $C_{1-3}$  alkyl-,  $C_{1-6}$   
 alkoxy carbonyloxy- $C_{1-3}$  alkyl-,  $C_{2-10}$  alkoxy carbonyl,  
 $C_{3-6}$  cycloalkylcarbonyloxy- $C_{1-3}$  alkyl-,  $C_{3-6}$   
 cycloalkoxy carbonyloxy- $C_{1-3}$  alkyl-,  $C_{3-6}$   
 cycloalkoxy carbonyl, phenoxy carbonyl,  
 phenyloxy carbonyloxy- $C_{1-3}$  alkyl-,  
 phenylcarbonyloxy- $C_{1-3}$  alkyl-,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy- $C_{1-6}$   
 alkylcarbonyloxy- $C_{1-3}$  alkyl-, [5-( $C_{1-5}$   
 alkyl)-1,3-dioxa-cyclopenten-2-one-yl]methyl,  
 [5-( $R^a$ )-1,3-dioxa-cyclopenten-2-one-yl]methyl,  
 (5-aryl-1,3-dioxa-cyclopenten-2-one-yl)methyl, - $C_{1-10}$   
 alkyl- $NR^7R^{7a}$ , - $CH(R^8)OC(=O)R^9$ , and - $CH(R^8)OC(=O)OR^9$ ;

$R^7$  is selected from H and  $C_{1-10}$  alkyl,  $C_{2-6}$  alkenyl,  $C_{3-6}$   
 cycloalkyl- $C_{1-3}$  alkyl-, and phenyl- $C_{1-6}$  alkyl-;



A is selected from  $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{CONHOH}$ ,  $-\text{CONHOR}^5$ ,  
 $-\text{CONHOR}^6$ ,  $-\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{CHO}$ ,  $-\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{COR}^5$ ,  $-\text{SH}$ , and  $-\text{CH}_2\text{SH}$ ;

5 ring B is a 4-7 membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring  
consisting of: carbon atoms, 0-1 carbonyl groups, 0-1  
double bonds, and from 0-2 ring heteroatoms selected  
from O, N, and  $\text{NR}^2$ , provided that ring B contains  
other than an O-O bond and provided that  $\text{N-R}^2$  forms  
10 other than an N-O, N-N, or N-S bond;

Z is absent or selected from a  $\text{C}_{3-6}$  carbocyclic residue  
substituted with 0-4  $\text{R}^b$  and a 5-6 membered heterocycle  
consisting of: carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms  
15 selected from the group consisting of N, O, and  $\text{S}(\text{O})_p$   
and substituted with 0-3  $\text{R}^b$ ;

$\text{U}^a$  is absent or is selected from: O,  $\text{NR}^{a1}$ ,  $\text{C}(\text{O})$ ,  $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}$ ,  
 $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{a1}$ ,  $\text{NR}^{a1}\text{C}(\text{O})$ ,  $\text{S}(\text{O})_p$ , and  $\text{S}(\text{O})_p\text{NR}^{a1}$ ;

20  $\text{X}^a$  is absent or selected from  $\text{C}_{1-4}$  alkylene and  $\text{C}_{2-4}$   
alkynylene;

$\text{Y}^a$  is absent or selected from O and  $\text{NR}^{a1}$ ;

25  $\text{Z}^a$  is selected from H, a  $\text{C}_{3-10}$  carbocyclic residue  
substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^c$  and a 5-10 membered  
heterocycle consisting of: carbon atoms and 1-4  
heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N,  
30 O, and  $\text{S}(\text{O})_p$  and substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^c$ ;



provided that Z, U<sup>a</sup>, Y<sup>a</sup>, and Z<sup>a</sup> do not combine to form a  
N-N, N-O, O-N, O-O, S(O)<sub>p</sub>-O, O-S(O)<sub>p</sub> or S(O)<sub>p</sub>-S(O)<sub>p</sub>  
group;

5 R<sup>2</sup> is selected from Q, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylene-Q, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenylene-Q,  
C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynylene-Q, (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>O(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r</sub>-Q,  
(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r</sub>-Q, (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>C(O)(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r</sub>-Q,  
(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>C(O)O(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r</sub>-Q, (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r</sub>C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>,  
(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r</sub>-Q, (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>S(O)<sub>p</sub>(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r</sub>-Q,  
10 and (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r</sub>-Q;

Q is selected from H, a C<sub>3-6</sub> carbocyclic residue  
substituted with 0-5 R<sup>d</sup>, and a 5-10 membered  
heterocycle consisting of: carbon atoms and 1-4  
15 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N,  
O, and S(O)<sub>p</sub> and substituted with 0-5 R<sup>d</sup>;

R<sup>a</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from H,  
C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, phenyl and benzyl;

20 R<sup>a1</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from H  
and C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

alternatively, R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>a1</sup> when attached to a nitrogen are  
25 taken together with the nitrogen to which they are  
attached to form a 5 or 6 membered ring comprising  
carbon atoms and from 0-1 additional heteroatoms  
selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S(O)<sub>p</sub>;

30 R<sup>a2</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from C<sub>1-4</sub>  
alkyl, phenyl and benzyl;

R<sup>b</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, OR<sup>a</sup>, Cl, F, Br, =O, -CN, NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, C(O)R<sup>a</sup>, C(O)OR<sup>a</sup>, C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, S(O)<sub>p</sub>R<sup>a2</sup>, and CF<sub>3</sub>;

5 R<sup>c</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, OR<sup>a</sup>, Cl, F, Br, =O, -CN, NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, C(O)R<sup>a</sup>, C(O)OR<sup>a</sup>, C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, S(O)<sub>p</sub>R<sup>a2</sup>, CF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>3-6</sub> carbocyclic residue and a 5-6 membered heterocycle consisting of: carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms  
10 selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S(O)<sub>p</sub>;

R<sup>d</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, OR<sup>a</sup>, Cl, F, Br, =O, -CN, NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, C(O)R<sup>a</sup>, C(O)OR<sup>a</sup>, C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, S(O)<sub>p</sub>R<sup>a2</sup>, CF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>3-6</sub> carbocyclic residue and a 5-6 membered heterocycle  
15 consisting of: carbon atoms and 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S(O)<sub>p</sub>;

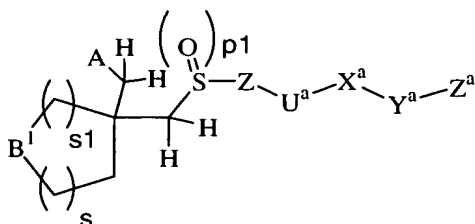
R<sup>5</sup>, at each occurrence, is selected from C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl  
20 substituted with 0-2 R<sup>b</sup>, and C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl substituted with 0-2 R<sup>e</sup>;

R<sup>e</sup>, at each occurrence, is selected from phenyl substituted with 0-2 R<sup>b</sup> and biphenyl substituted with 0-2 R<sup>b</sup>;

25 R<sup>6</sup>, at each occurrence, is selected from phenyl, naphthyl, C<sub>1-10</sub> alkyl-phenyl-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-, C<sub>3-11</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyloxy-C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl-, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyloxy-C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl-, C<sub>2-10</sub> alkoxy carbonyl, C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkylcarbonyloxy-C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl-, C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkoxy carbonyloxy-C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl-, C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkoxy carbonyl, phenoxycarbonyl,  
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3. A compound according to Claim 2, wherein the compound is of formula III:



III

5 or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt form thereof, wherein;

A is selected from  $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{CONHOH}$ ,  $-\text{CONHOR}^5$ ,  $-\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{CHO}$ , and  $-\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{COR}^5$ ;

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$\text{B}^1$  is selected from  $\text{NR}^2$ , O, and  $\text{CHR}^2$ , provided that  $\text{N-R}^2$  forms other than an N-O, N-N, or N-S bond;

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Z is absent or selected from a  $\text{C}_{5-6}$  carbocyclic residue substituted with 0-3  $\text{R}^b$  and a 5-6 membered heteroaryl comprising carbon atoms and from 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and  $\text{S}(\text{O})_p$  and substituted with 0-3  $\text{R}^b$ ;

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$\text{U}^a$  is absent or is selected from: O,  $\text{NR}^{a1}$ ,  $\text{C}(\text{O})$ ,  $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{a1}$ ,  $\text{S}(\text{O})_p$ , and  $\text{S}(\text{O})_p\text{NR}^{a1}$ ;

$\text{X}^a$  is absent or selected from  $\text{C}_{1-2}$  alkylene and  $\text{C}_{2-4}$  alkynylene;

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$\text{Y}^a$  is absent or selected from O and  $\text{NR}^{a1}$ ;

$\text{Z}^a$  is selected from H, a  $\text{C}_{5-6}$  carbocyclic residue substituted with 0-3  $\text{R}^c$  and a 5-10 membered heteroaryl

comprising carbon atoms and from 1-4 heteroatoms  
selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S(O)<sub>p</sub>  
and substituted with 0-3 R<sup>c</sup>;

5 provided that Z, U<sup>a</sup>, Y<sup>a</sup>, and Z<sup>a</sup> do not combine to form a  
N-N, N-O, O-N, O-O, S(O)<sub>p</sub>-O, O-S(O)<sub>p</sub> or S(O)<sub>p</sub>-S(O)<sub>p</sub>  
group;

10 R<sup>2</sup> is selected from Q, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylene-Q, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenylene-Q,  
C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynylene-Q, (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>O(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r</sub>-Q,  
(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r</sub>-Q, (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>C(O)(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r</sub>-Q,  
(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>C(O)O(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r</sub>-Q, (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a2</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>,  
(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a2</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r</sub>-Q, and  
15 (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r1</sub>S(O)<sub>p</sub>(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>)<sub>r</sub>-Q;

20 Q is selected from H, a C<sub>3-6</sub> carbocyclic residue  
substituted with 0-3 R<sup>d</sup> and a 5-10 membered  
heterocycle consisting of: carbon atoms and 1-4  
heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N,  
O, and S(O)<sub>p</sub> and substituted with 0-3 R<sup>d</sup>;

R<sup>a</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from H,  
C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, phenyl and benzyl;

25 R<sup>a1</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from H  
and C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>a2</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from C<sub>1-4</sub>  
alkyl, phenyl and benzyl;

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R<sup>b</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, OR<sup>a</sup>, Cl, F, =O, NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, C(O)R<sup>a</sup>, C(O)OR<sup>a</sup>, C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, S(O)<sub>p</sub>R<sup>a2</sup>, and CF<sub>3</sub>;

5 R<sup>c</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, OR<sup>a</sup>, Cl, F, Br, =O, NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, C(O)R<sup>a</sup>, C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, S(O)<sub>p</sub>R<sup>a2</sup>, and CF<sub>3</sub>;

10 R<sup>d</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, OR<sup>a</sup>, Cl, F, Br, =O, NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, C(O)R<sup>a</sup>, C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, S(O)<sub>p</sub>R<sup>a2</sup>, CF<sub>3</sub> and phenyl; .

15 R<sup>e</sup>, at each occurrence, is selected from C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl substituted with 0-2 R<sup>b</sup>, and C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl substituted with 0-2 R<sup>e</sup>;

R<sup>e</sup>, at each occurrence, is selected from phenyl substituted with 0-2 R<sup>b</sup> and biphenyl substituted with 0-2 R<sup>b</sup>;

20 p, at each occurrence, is selected from 0, 1, and 2;

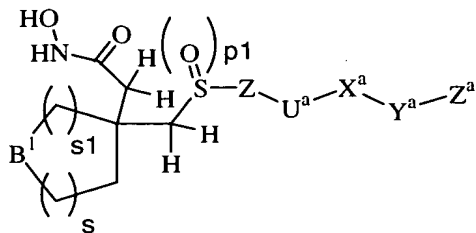
r, at each occurrence, is selected from 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4;

25 r<sub>1</sub>, at each occurrence, is selected from 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4; and,

s and s<sub>1</sub> combine to total 1, 2, 3, or 4.

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4. A compound according to Claim 3, wherein the compound is of formula IV:



## IV

or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt form thereof, wherein;

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Z is absent or selected from phenyl substituted with 0-3 R<sup>b</sup> and pyridyl substituted with 0-3 R<sup>b</sup>;

$U^a$  is absent or is 0;

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X<sup>a</sup> is absent or is selected from CH<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, and C<sub>2-4</sub> alkynylene;

$y^a$  is absent or is 0;

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Z<sup>a</sup> is selected from H, phenyl substituted with 0-3 R<sup>C</sup>, pyridyl substituted with 0-3 R<sup>C</sup>, and quinolinyl substituted with 0-3 R<sup>C</sup>;                     $\wedge$

20 provided that Z, U<sup>a</sup>, Y<sup>a</sup>, and Z<sup>a</sup> do not combine to form a  
N-N, N-O, O-N, or O-O group;

R<sup>2</sup> is selected from Q, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylene-Q, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynylene-Q,  
 (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>1O(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>-Q, (CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>1NR<sup>a</sup>(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>-Q,  
 25 C(O)(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>-Q, C(O)O(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>-Q, C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>-Q,  
 and S(O)<sub>p</sub>(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>1)<sub>r</sub>-Q;

Q is selected from H, cyclopropyl substituted with 0-1 R<sup>d</sup>,  
cyclobutyl substituted with 0-1 R<sup>d</sup>, cyclopentyl

substituted with 0-1 R<sup>d</sup>, cyclohexyl substituted with  
0-1 R<sup>d</sup>, phenyl substituted with 0-2 R<sup>d</sup> and a  
heteroaryl substituted with 0-3 R<sup>d</sup>, wherein the  
heteroaryl is selected from pyridyl, quinolinyl,  
5 thiazolyl, furanyl, imidazolyl, and isoxazolyl;

R<sup>a</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from H,  
CH<sub>3</sub>, and CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>;

10 R<sup>a1</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from H,  
CH<sub>3</sub>, and CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>;

R<sup>a2</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from H,  
CH<sub>3</sub>, and CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>;

15 R<sup>b</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from C<sub>1-4</sub>  
alkyl, OR<sup>a</sup>, Cl, F, =O, NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, C(O)R<sup>a</sup>, C(O)OR<sup>a</sup>,  
C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, S(O)<sub>p</sub>R<sup>a2</sup>, and CF<sub>3</sub>;

20 R<sup>c</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>  
alkyl, OR<sup>a</sup>, Cl, F, Br, =O, NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, C(O)R<sup>a</sup>, C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>,  
S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, S(O)<sub>p</sub>R<sup>a2</sup>, and CF<sub>3</sub>;

25 R<sup>d</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>  
alkyl, OR<sup>a</sup>, Cl, F, Br, =O, NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, C(O)R<sup>a</sup>, C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>,  
S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a1</sup>, S(O)<sub>p</sub>R<sup>a2</sup>, CF<sub>3</sub> and phenyl;

p, at each occurrence, is selected from 0, 1, and 2;

30 r, at each occurrence, is selected from 0, 1, 2, and 3;



r1, at each occurrence, is selected from 0, 1, 2, and 3;  
and,

s and s1 combine to total 2, 3, or 4.

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5. A compound according to Claim 1, wherein the  
compound is selected from the group:

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*N*-hydroxy-2-~~{2-~~{4-~~{2-methyl-4-~~~~~~  
quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl}sulfonyl)methyl}-2-  
pyrrolidinyl}acetamide;

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*N*-hydroxy-2-{1-methyl-2-[(4-[(2-methyl-4-  
quinolinyl)methoxy]phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]-2-  
pyrrolidinyl}acetamide;

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*N*-hydroxy-2-{1-isobutyl-2-[(4-[(2-methyl-4-  
quinolinyl)methoxy]phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]-2-  
pyrrolidinyl}acetamide;

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*N*-hydroxy-2-[2-[(4-[(2-methyl-4-  
quinolinyl)methoxy]phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]-1-(3-  
pyridinyl)-2-pyrrolidinyl}acetamide;

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2-{1-acetyl-2-[(4-[(2-methyl-4-  
quinolinyl)methoxy]phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]-2-  
pyrrolidinyl}-*N*-hydroxyacetamide;

*N*-hydroxy-2-{3-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]-3-pyrrolidinyl}acetamide;

5 *N*-hydroxy-2-{1-methyl-3-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]-3-pyrrolidinyl}acetamide;

10 *N*-hydroxy-2-{1-isopropyl-3-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]-3-pyrrolidinyl}acetamide;

15 *N*-hydroxy-2-{1-isobutyl-3-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]-3-pyrrolidinyl}acetamide;

20 *N*-hydroxy-2-{3-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]-1-neopentyl-3-pyrrolidinyl}acetamide;

*N*-hydroxy-2-{2-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]-2-piperidinyl}acetamide;

25 *N*-hydroxy-2-{1-methyl-2-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]-2-piperidinyl}acetamide;



*N*-hydroxy-2-{1-isobutyl-3-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]-3-piperidinyl}acetamide;

5 *N*-hydroxy-2-{4-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]-4-piperidinyl}acetamide;

10 *N*-hydroxy-2-{1-methyl-4-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]-4-piperidinyl}acetamide;

15 *N*-hydroxy-2-{2-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]tetrahydro-2-furanyl}acetamide;

*N*-hydroxy-2-{1-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]cyclobutyl}acetamide;

20 *N*-hydroxy-2-{1-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfinyl)methyl]cyclobutyl}acetamide;

25 *N*-hydroxy-2-{1-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfanyl)methyl]cyclobutyl}acetamide;

- N*-hydroxy-2-{1-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]cyclohexyl}acetamide;
- 5 *N*-hydroxy-2-{1-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]cyclohexyl}acetamide;
- 10 *N*-hydroxy-2-{3-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]-3-oxetanyl}acetamide;
- 15 *N*-hydroxy-2-{1-methyl-3-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]-2-oxopyrrolidinyl}acetamide;
- 20 *N*-hydroxy-2-{1-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]cyclopentyl}acetamide;
- N*-hydroxy-2-[5-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]-3-(3-pyridinyl)-4,5-dihydro-5-isoxazolyl]acetamide;
- 25 *N*-hydroxy-2-[5-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]-3-(4-pyridinyl)-4,5-dihydro-5-isoxazolyl]acetamide; and,
- 30 *N*-hydroxy-2-{4-[(4-{(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)methoxy}phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl]tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-yl}acetamide;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt form thereof.

5           6. A pharmaceutical composition, comprising: a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt form thereof.

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7. A method for treating an inflammatory disorder, comprising: administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt form thereof.

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8. A method, comprising: administering a compound of Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt form thereof in an amount effective to treat an inflammatory disorder.

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9. A method of treating a condition or disease mediated by MMPs, TNF, aggrecanase, or a combination thereof in a mammal, comprising: administering to the mammal in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt form thereof.

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10. A method of treating according to Claim 10, wherein the disease or condition is referred to as acute infection, acute phase response, age related macular degeneration, alcoholism, allergy, allergic asthma, aneurism, anorexia, aortic aneurism, asthma,

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athersclerosis, atopic dermatitis, autoimmune disease,  
autoimmune hepatitis, Bechet's disease, cachexia, calcium  
pyrophosphate dihydrate deposition disease, cardiovascular  
effects, chronic fatigue syndrome, chronic obstruction  
5 pulmonary disease, coagulation, congestive heart failure,  
corneal ulceration, Crohn's disease, enteropathic  
arthropathy, Felty's syndrome, fever, fibromyalgia  
syndrome, fibrotic disease, gingivitis, glucocorticoid  
withdrawal syndrome, gout, graft versus host disease,  
10 hemorrhage, HIV infection, hyperoxic alveolar injury,  
infectious arthritis, inflammation, intermittent  
hydrarthrosis, Lyme disease, meningitis, multiple  
sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, mycobacterial infection,  
neovascular glaucoma, osteoarthritis, pelvic inflammatory  
15 disease, periodontitis, polymyositis/dermatomyositis, post-  
ischaemic reperfusion injury, post-radiation asthenia,  
psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, pulmonary emphysema,  
pyoderma gangrenosum, relapsing polychondritis, Reiter's  
syndrome, rheumatic fever, rheumatoid arthritis,  
20 sarcoidosis, scleroderma, sepsis syndrome, Still's disease,  
shock, Sjogren's syndrome, skin inflammatory diseases,  
solid tumor growth and tumor invasion by secondary  
metastases, spondylitis, stroke, systemic lupus  
erythematosus, ulcerative colitis, uveitis, vasculitis, and  
25 Wegener's granulomatosis.